IS CHRISTIANITY PRACTICAL?

Conference Faces Issue.

The mid-winter religious conference for men and women of the New England Colleges convened at the Northfield Inn on February 12-14. The principal speaker was Reverend Reinhart Miller, President, who is one of the editors of the "Christian Century."

Reinhart Miller's theme was "Why be a Christian Today?" Beside the lecture, the conventions alternated a series of talks and discussions which were concerned with more definite religious problems on the college campus.

Most of the delegates were apparently convinced that the ideal Christian life tends toward deepest peace and happiness, that it leads ultimately to spiritual satisfaction and comfort. The universal question in the minds of these educators was, "What makes a Christian?"...what elements do men include in this denomination? What elements, qualities, and attributes are involved? This was the subject, however, in the smaller group meetings, where other questions pertinent to this theme were also discussed with keen interest.

It was agreed that the Christian life means love, service, self-discipline, tolerance, and humility. To follow Christ's principles, his own life and teachings is to "live best and serve most." The life of a true Christian is active and not monastic; it is essentially unselfish and altruistic. A person may understand the principles of Christ and believe in them—but if he lives apart from his fellowmen—keeping Christ's doctrines entirely within himself—be it not a true Christian. The Christian spirit is not a foreign principle which is introduced into a man; it is an integral part of the substance and structure of his nature which will always be liberal.

Can the Christian religion be translated into a practical code for modern life? Can it become the driving power in the modern world? Can it be adapted to solving our concrete problems? Being an intelligent young people, and intellectually and practically interested in the betterment of the world, we often fall back on materialism in which we want proof and evidence for everything before we accept it. We have definite questions about life and religion, and we want them answered specifically. The things we want to know cannot be answered for us by anyone. We find solutions only through personal experience which is had by living. Those who have had a longer opportunity to study problems can advise us of methods by which we may arrive at conclusions but explicit answers cannot be given. Our reason cannot be bullied or insinuated into acquiescence.

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WHAT? Your suggestions and opinions regarding the "Reorganization Plan.

WHERE? In the "Suggestion Box" in the gym.

WHEN? Now!

WHY? To constructively criticize the new plan.

What Else? Remember that we will vote on the new plan before spring vacation; that this is a student form of college government; that it is up to us as students to put it over.

CLAYTON HAMILTON DISCUSSION "THE RIVALS."

Clayton Hamilton, a well-known dramatic critic, spoke to the College on Monday night at 7 o'clock upon the "Rivals" and its author, Richard Brinsley Sheridan. In a style which for its humor might lend itself to think of a resemblance of the man of whom he talked, he related how two of his plays which were first published in the English theater from the time of Shakespeare to the present day, came to be written by a young man at the ages of twenty three and twenty-five.

Sheridan was endowed with a heritage favorable to dramatic composition. His father was an actor of considerable eminence and also the manager or a theater, in consequence of which his son was brought up in a theatrical environment. His mother, too, was a novelist and a play-wright. Though Irish by birth he grew up in England. His ambition throughout life was to do what everyone else was doing, but to do it better: a project which he carried out with remarkable success. Moving in the highest literary circles of society and with the lightest star within them. He entered the House of Commons and became the most brilliant speaker in its history. He wrote two plays of one is now celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of its first production.

His marriage was in some measure directly responsible for his writing "The Rivals." Not satisfied with conventional proceedings, he undertook a chaperoned elopement with a girl that he did not love, placed her in a convent, then, when her father took her home, disguised himself as the coachman and fell in love with his "wife" to whom he was driving. Feeling the need of earning some money, he decided to write a play. He settled on composing one between dinner parties, and having gotten it accepted, began writing it until the actors captured and confined him for that purpose.

The first production was a dismal failure, for it was five hours long, and that amount of the most uninteresting comedy is almost more than an audience can stand. With the second production it was cut down to ordinary limits and never has failed since.

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ASTRONOMER TO ADDRESS CONVOCATION.

The speaker at the next Convocation hour, February 22nd, will be Harlow Shapley, Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University. His subject will be, "Seeking the Limits of the Universe."

Professor Shapley is well qualified to present to us some of the remarkable achievements which scientists have made in the field of Astronomy in recent years. From 1914 to 1921, he was astronomer at the Mount Wilson Observatory, California; and since 1921 he has held the position of the director of the Harvard Observatory. He is a member of numerous scientific associations in this country and an associate member of the Royal Astronomical Society of England.

The chief contributions which he himself has made to the science have been researches in the fields of photography and spectroscopy, in orbital theory and cosmogony. These are large works, but the subject which they treat of is large also, and we need not, because of the nature of the science, to question our interest in the lecture. Such a subject must necessarily offer a strong challenge to our interest and to our imagination.

ALUMNAE WEEK-END FEBRUARY 30

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FACTOR VOICES HEARD ON REORGANIZATION.

Faculty opinion has been sought on the subject of reorganization, particularly in regard to reorganization. The following are some excerpts from the replies received in answer to a questionnaire which was sent last week:

"We cannot live together, of course, without government; nevertheless government is a necessary evil rather than an end to be desired in itself. There is always more danger, I believe, in making government too elaborate than in making it too simple. Implied simplicity is as desirable here as anywhere else.

"It would be a backward step, it seems to me, to admit inability on the part of the students to control themselves—the faculty do not need government, and their part would be administrative only."

"The policy and practice of Student Government is most desirable for C. C., and despite certain human defects, has so far approved itself as is worthy only of maintenance and development."

"There is no point in the right to constructively criticize the new plan, to keep him so tight and fast that his liberties and our energies suffer under the regime."

"The following opinions were had on the subject of jointness of government: "The present degree of jointness seems satisfactory." "The desire for a larger degree of jointness between community government and Student Government is never to be seen to be by us, nor in the reality it appears to be on paper. We have at present Student Government, tempered, however, with a certain amount of faculty control, or at least participation."

"I feel that a declasse firm faculty touch is needed at C. C. until the girls come to realize that it is just as desirable to break a social rule as it is to break the rules that may be considered more personal."

"Students are usually happier and more satisfied under Student Government control."

"Student Government is exemplary of the spirit of the college if well carried out."

"Of twelve (12) questionnaires which have been filled out and returned by the faculty, in the matter of final faculty control, the majority favor faculty control."

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Dear Editor: Periodically I feel the urge to unburden my soul on some one of the many abuses of my college. It is a feeling which comes with the maturing of one's age and senility, and as such one is entitled to express his sentiments. However, I propose that something be done to remedy conditions.

1. Do Seniors always precede underclassmen as heirs to their offices and dignities?
2. Do the underclassmen (particularly the Freshmen class) ever think of offering their seats in the trolley car to the care-worn and baggy women of '29?
3. Do the lower classes realize that the Freshmen class is a veritable and active society, and as such should be favored the new organization?
4. As for the 5.0 postoffice privileges, according to the schedule that goes with the privilege, the Freshmen has been elevated to our most illustrious classes.

I believe that this extension work and personally experienced to be possible only when the college has been reorganized, but never sufficiently to cause anything to happen.

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Dear Editor: I have heard a good deal of discussion of the new plan for reorganizing our Student Government, and of the majority of it favored the new plan. However, the maturity of members and the responsibility and work are concentrated on too few people. The members of the Student Government have been given a chance to work and to work in the interests of the College, and to understand how it operates.

One point about the new organization that should work practically well is the idea of reorganizing the Student Government. By giving the College and the Freshmen more opportunities to consider policy, and by giving the student affairs, the Freshmen have an interest that will be aroused in Student Government, and this arousal of interest is a greater factor in the observance of rules. The Freshmen are far less able to resist the rules that we ourselves have imposed.

One feature of the new organization that I do not like is the relieving of the class presidents from responsibility in any of the divisions of the organization. I believe that this policy will result in the election of a class who have not, by the way, the same college.

To the Would-Be Student via The Editor: It is splendid to be young and gay and have opinions, opinions all born and delirious. I remember when I was a little more mature and sensible, decided I would just as soon have them all over the place. Consequently, I do feel capable of sympathizing with you in your youthful enthusiasm, whereas previous to raise the standards of academic institutions.

You might just as well aim high; it really doesn't do a bit of harm.

One of the most outstanding improvements, and one which should yield most significant results, will be the increased responsibility of the college body to become accustomed to the fact that several people in one class are possessed of executive capabilities. It is obvious that the college body to become accustomed to the fact that several people in one class are possessed of executive capabilities.

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FURTHER CHANGES IN REORGANIZATION PLAN.

"Rome was not built in a day," and neither in the proposed reorganization plan as yet perfect in all of its parts.

Students and Alumni will be interested in the changes which have been made this week.

One of the largest alterations in the plan concerns the Cabinet. Instead of working at irregular intervals as was formerly proposed, the Cabinet now convenes only when called by the President of Student Government for the purpose of advising her, or pass on legislation from the Senate involving a change in policy, or to meet with the faculty committees. The President of Student Government will serve as an ex-officio member of House Board, Senate, and Honor Court, and will thus form a connecting link in the three branches of the government.

The second proposed change is to put all judiciary matters in the hands of the Honor Court, thus eliminating the minor judiciary under the House Board and achieving greater unity. The office of House President will still be more elevated than formerly, however.

House Presidents will be moved forward in the order of elections, and will have a great responsibility in that their office only represents the same branch of the government through the House Board.

One of the biggest questions still is, whether or not final legislative power is in the rest in the hands of the faculty or the assembly, or the faculty, which will be by joint agreement. More ideas to the questionnaire which was sent to the faculty are being awaited to help solve this problem.

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THE DANCE POPULAR.

Tea Dance, the biggest social event planned by Service League, took place last Saturday evening in Colonial House and was indeed a huge success. The week-end festivities really started with a dance for the Glee Club in Colonial House on Friday evening. Keil Patch's orchestra from town provided the music. The festivities were rounded off at thirty-three Saturday afternoon with a tea dance. Worthington's orchestra from Hartford furnished the music for this dance. A feature of the afternoon was the solo dance by Gertrude Nesbit. At six o'clock the afternoon dance started. About twenty couples had dinner in Colonial Dining Hall and a number of couples had dinner in Thomas Dining Hall. The biggest climax of the week-end was, of course, Tea Dance on Saturday evening from seven-thirty till midnight. The waitresses were dressed in keeping with the Valentine's Day. They wore short red skirts, white blouses, tiny hats, and black shoes and stockings with a red heart as a buckle on each shoe. Besides cutting in on the dancers, the waitresses were most efficient in serving coffee and small cakes. Louise Wall, Laura Dunham, Elizabeth Power, Katherine Fonter, Margaret Durkee, Eleanor Whitmore, Mary Stores, Olive La Har, Carmen Guenard, Adelaide King, and Helen Little acted as waitresses. The patronesses were Mrs. Marshall, Dean Benedict, Dean Nye, and Miss Ernst.

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

The inter-class basketball season of 1926 has opened. Those who have been watching the preliminary try-outs predict that the bit for this year's championship will be greatly contested. In accordance with the new plan of A.A. Council, squads only have been chosen. First team berths will not be awarded until the end of the season. The following are the squads and the games scheduled for the season:

TEAMS.


GAMES SCHEDULE.

Friday, February 19—Senior—Sophomore (first team).

Sophomore—Freshman (second team).

Thursday, February 25—Sophomore—Freshman (first team).

Senior—Junior (second team).

Wednesday, March 5—Senior—Sophomore (second team).

Gym—Junior—Sophomore (second team).

Saturday, March 6—Senior—Sophomore (first team).

Junior—Freshman (second team).

Tuesday, March 9—Senior—Sophomore (first team).

Freshman—Junior (second team).

Friday, March 16—Junior—Sophomore (first team).

Freshman—Senior (second team).

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